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TO AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE PRIORITY

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TAGS: EFIN, GB

SUBJECT: GABON FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES

1. DEPARTMENT HAS HAD NUMBER OF INQUIRIES FROM BANKERS AND BUSINESSMEN CONCERNING DRAMATIC FALL-OFF IN GABON'S PUBLISHED FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES IN RECENT MONTHS. ACCORDING TO IMF'S NOVEMBER ISSUE OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL STATISTICS, GABON'S TOTAL INTERNATIONAL RESERVES (FOREIGN EXCHANGE, GOLD, SDR'S, RESERVE IN IMF) DROPPED FROM DOLLARS 103.31 MILLION IN DECEMBER 74 TO DOLLARS 10.52 MILLION IN MAY 75. DURING SAME PERIOD, FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES DROPPED FROM DOLLARS 94.54 MILLION TO DOLLARS 1.59 MILLION.

2. IMF/WASHINGTON IS AS PUZZLED AS EVERYONE ELSE BUT PRESENTLY HAS STUDY TEAM IN LIBREVILLE WHICH MAY HAVE FOUND SOME ANSWERS. EMBASSY MAY WISH CONTACT MR. BOUSHERI, TEAM LEADER, BELIEVED STAYING AT DIALOGUE.

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3. WE ALSO HAVE REPORT THROUGH PRIVATE SOURCES THAT FIN-MIN MOUKAMBI MAY BE REPLACED OR HAS BEEN REPLACED BY RAPHAEL MAKIAKA, FORMERLY MIN PUBLIC WORKS AND CONSTRUCTION.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY LIGHT EMBASSY CAN SHED ON SITUATION. KISSINGER

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